

California State Guard Ends Six Years' Service With Inactivation

The California State Guard brought its nearly six years of historic existence to an end Monday night when units, of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, which includes Torrance and Long Beach, were inactivated.

Major R. L. Lewellen, who commanded Company H, Torrance for years, mustered out his men but most of them will be attached to the 578th Combat Engineer battalion which will be headquartered in Torrance. Major Lewellen is assistant executive officer of the 578th, which will have units stationed throughout the South Bay area.

Major H. F. Thienhaus inactivated Long Beach units and turned the Long Beach armory over to Lt. Col. Willis T. Lyman, over to the Anti-Aircraft Artillery unit there.

The 578th will have headquarters in Torrance ball park's state armory until transferred to temporary quarters at Zampierri field.

The State Guard in this area was mustered into service in October, 1941, prior to Pearl Harbor.

The troops for months maintained a 24-hour beach patrol and security around important bridges, manufacturing centers, radio beacons and other vital areas until the Coast Guard and regular Army troops could take over their duties.

After the beach patrol was taken over by the Coast Guard and security of vital areas was established by the Army, the State Guard troops continued their service and were assigned to security of critical areas, on orders of the commanding general of the Southern California sector of the Western Defense Command. Many were on full time active duty. They attended regular Army training schools and conducted maneuvers in which the war plants were attacked and defended, with the regular Army troops participating.

This continued until V-J day when Governor Warren and the adjutant general requested that the California State Guard remain in service until units of the California National Guard could be activated since the Constitution of California requires that the state maintain a body of trained troops at all times for internal security.

Men who requested discharge were relieved and each was commended by Governor Warren for his wartime service.

Those who remained with the

State Guard troops recently were transferred to the National Guard reserve for possible duty later.

Many of them enlisted in the National Guard. The 578th Combat Engineers will be activated later this month, according to Col. David W. Campbell, commanding officer.

Welfare Center Publicity Plan Meeting Topic

Publicity plans for all District Welfare Centers, including that located in Torrance at 1339 Post avenue, will be laid out at the next meeting of the District Planning Committee of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles on Monday, April 7, at 8:30 p. m. in the Willowbrook Junior High School, Willowbrook.

Immediate action for more widespread publicity has been spurred by the analysis of a survey recently made in five of seven districts having individual welfare centers, which showed that only a small proportion of more than 1100 citizens sent questionnaires were aware of their local organizations to provide counsel and assistance to veterans, for families in trouble, for child care, in illness and for youth recreation services.

It is to remedy this condition that the committee will take immediate action, according to Rev. Mr. Paul Moore Wheeler, chairman of the Planning committee, a group of volunteer leaders from the various centers and of professional workers from Chest agencies, Bureau of Public Assistance, Coordinating Councils and other community groups who act as advisors.

Adolph Plasky of Gardena also represents the Torrance District Center on the committee. Other centers are located in San Pedro, Wilmington, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Compton and Bell, each serving nearby areas.

Services For Good Friday Set Tomorrow

Good Friday services will be held for Torrance and vicinity in the Evangelical church, corner of Marcellina and Arlington aves., on Friday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p. m.

The seven local ministers who will preach on the seven last words of Christ are:

- Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, "Word of Forgiveness."
- Rev. C. Miles Northrup, "Word of Salvation."
- Rev. J. Ronald Menmuir, "Word of Love."
- Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, "Word of Atonement."
- Rev. Clyde E. Ruckman, "Word of Suffering."
- Rev. Arthur P. Pedersen, "Word of Triumph."
- Rev. W. A. Benner, "Word of Reunion."

There will be vocal numbers and everyone is welcome to attend.

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INSPECTING OFFICERS . . . Pictured above at a recent inspection of the State Armory here are, left to right, James L. Lynch, president-elect of the Torrance Rotary Club; Col. William C. Boyd, U. S. Army, senior instructor officer for the state of California, and Lt. Col. Ivan L. Foster, U. S. Army, senior instructor and chief of staff for the 40th Division, California National Guard. Recruiting for the local CNG unit, the 578th Combat Engineer Battalion, is being carried on daily, Monday through Thursday, and on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the armory in the Torrance Ball Park. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Torrance YMCA Granted Branch Status By Metropolitan Board

Sought since the establishment of the YMCA program in Torrance in February, 1945, as an outpost of the San Pedro Army Navy YMCA, independent branch status was granted the Torrance YMCA Wednesday, March 26, by the Metropolitan board of managers of the Los Angeles YMCA.

Branch status was granted after months of negotiations and after a careful study had been made showing the growth and strength of the present program as well as presenting many indications that the community is behind the "Y" movement.

Letters to the Metropolitan board recommending branch status and giving endorsement to the local "Y" came from service clubs, newspapers, churches, the P.T.A., civic and veterans organizations, as well as countless leaders of the community.

Torrance area now becomes the twenty-first branch of the Metropolitan YMCA and with it comes the rights and privileges of an independent body. The board of managers has carefully considered the enlargement of the local program and considerations are now under

No Change In Federal Control On Buildings

Federal controls on housing and building materials are not being relaxed, and the government's enforcement activities in behalf of present regulations will continue.

Preston L. Wright, regional representative of Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon, issued that warning today.

Wright's statement coincided with circulation of reports to the contrary in commercial and industrial building circles, generated since President Truman's announcement last week end that the Office of the Housing Expediter will assume on April 1 the responsibility for housing controls now administered by the Civilian Production Administration.

Wright said restriction of the use of building materials for commercial and industrial purposes will continue until an adequate supply for veterans' housing is available, in line with the mandate of Congress in the Patman Act, which is the legislative basis of the veterans' housing program.

Customs Service Fires 3 Officers In Staff Slash

A reduction in the staff of the Customs Service in Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo ports ordered by the Bureau of Customs in Washington, saw termination notices given to three men, including Ellis O. Jones, 16888 W. 259th st., Lomita, all of whom had served 20 years or more with the law enforcement division of the Customs Service.

The men are not eligible for retirement pay until they reach the age of sixty. The cut was ordered after approval by the House of the Treasury-Post Office bill which took \$3,500,000 from the Customs appropriation for the coming fiscal year.

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County Takes Street Lights Supervision

Los Angeles county will hereafter assume full financial responsibility for the installation and maintenance of street lights at major cross roads in county territory, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the board of supervisors.

The board also approved recommendations whereby the county will assume full financial responsibility for street lights where they are in the interests of traffic and pedestrian protection, and for installation and maintenance costs where flood lights are needed for pedestrian traffic. In business districts, the county will assume 40% of the installation costs provided that such lights are not ornamental in type; in the case of ornamental types of lighting, the amount contributed by the county will be on a pro rata basis, to be determined by the board in each specific case.

The board of supervisors, declared Supervisor Darby, has legal authority under the 1911 Act, to make contributions to the formation of lighting districts from the general fund, or from gasoline tax funds, or from the supervisory road district tax funds.

Telephone Co. Changes Name On April 1

After April 1 the Southern California Telephone Co., will be known as The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Other than the change in name there will be no change in any of the operations or functions of the company because the Southern Telephone company during the 30 years of its existence has been wholly-owned by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The change is a move to simplify the corporate structure of the company, according to A. B. Smith, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. This change in name has been approved by the California Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

There are about 1,260,000 telephones served by the company here in Southern California.

DOG DAYS

Hot summer days are probably called dog days because they occur when Sirius, the dog star, rises in conjunction with the sun, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

INDIAN SNOW SHOES

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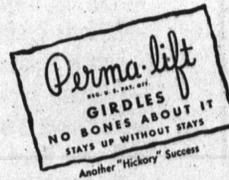
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